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SUBJECT: DETAINMENT OF ARGENTINE PRINTS: TESTA, MATHOT,
GUTTIEREZ GARCIA, MUSSE AND TRONCOSO

REF: STATE 192106

1. ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING
GROUP HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON
SUBJECT CASES:

A) TESTA, JOHN FRANCO -- DETAINED UNDER PEN DECREE
1845 OF 12/12/74. TESTA HAS ALSO BEEN CHARGED
BEFORE FEDERAL CRIMINAL JUDGE IN CHACO FOR
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ARMS IN VIOLATION OF
CRIMINAL LAW 189 (BIS). TESTA IS BELIEVED TO BE
A MEMBER OF ERP CELL WICH ATTACKED POLICE
STATION IN COLONIA ABORIGEN (CHACO) IN
OCTOBER 1974. TESTA IS PRESENTLY HELD IN UNIT 9
OF LA PLATA PRISON.

B) MATHOT, HUGO ORLANDO -- DETAINED UNDER PEN
DECREE 52 OF 1/9/76 FOR POSSESSION OF MONTONERO
PROPAGANDA.

C) GUTTIEREZ GARCIA, FRANCISCO -- BEING DETAINED UNDER PEN
DECREE 3558 OF 11/25/75 FOR VIOLATION OF ARGENTINE LAW
20,840 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN "MOVEMENT OF THIRD WORLD" (MONTONERO
ORGANIZATION). HE IS FURTHER ACCUSED OF DIRECT
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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/TPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny
Exemption(s):
Declassify: ☐ In Part ☐ In Full
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PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZING GUERRILLA BASES TRAINING
FUTURE COMBATANTS, AND RECRUITING ADHERENTS IN THE SANTO
CRISTO CHURCH IN BUENOS AIRES THROUGH ITS RECREATION
CENTER.

D) MUSSE, ELIAS -- DETAINED UNDER PEN DECREE 2045 OF 7/29/75
FOR VIOLATION OF LAW 20,840 AND CRIMINAL CODE PROVISION
189 (BIS). MUSSE IS CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION,
ATTACKING POLICE STATION NUMBER 2 IN MAR DEL PLATA AND
FOR THE THEFT OF ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.

E) TRONCOSO, RAUL -- BEING DETAINED UNDER PEN DECREE 1135
OF 7/1/76 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN MONTONERO ORGANIZATION
AND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CLANDESTINE ARMS DEPOSIT.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON THESE INDIVIDUALS TO
EVALUATE CHARGES MADE BY GOA AUTHORITIES. MINISTRY
CONTINUING TO CHECK ON OTHER NAMES LISTED REFTTEL.
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